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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2008, and is timely filed with a three-month extension.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 21-62 are pending in the present application. Claims 31-40 and 48-54 have been withdrawn. Claims 21-25, 28-29, 41-44, and 46-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Shamitoff (U.S. Patent No. 6,887,120). Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamitoff and Russell (U.S. Patent No. 5,195,917). Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamitoff and Alonso (U.S. Patent No. 3,375,604). Claim 30 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamitoff and Essebaggers (U.S. Patent No. 5,108,100). Claims 45, 55-58, and 59-62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamitoff (U.S. Patent No. 6,887,120). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims.

Claims 21 and 41 have been amended. No new claims have been added. No claims have been deleted. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicant respectfully contends that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.